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SUBJECT: RE-INTERVIEW REPORT ON MISSION RUFFERT (YOUNG)

The following account was received in a short interview with Agent YOUNG on the night of 15 April after his arrival in Paris from 3rd Army. It has as yet not been checked.

I. TRIP. YOUNG left Berlin 5 April accompanied by KEDIA, a representative of the "Georgian Government" who works closely with Department Six of SD, and Doctor-Professor VON KENDE, an official in Department EST.

These three traveled from Berlin to Bad-Elster in a diplomatic automobile. At Bad-Elster YOUNG proceeded on foot and bicycle to the American lines with assistance from the SD. KEDIA left Bad-Elster the evening of 9 April by train for Switzerland. VON KENDE supposedly left at the same time for Nuremberg near which Department EST is presently located.

YOUNG was captured by the Americans on 12 April and succeeded in getting to Colonel SHALCROSS of 3rd Army on 13 April. He arrived in Paris at 2100, 15 April.

II. YOUNG'S MISSION. YOUNG was assisted in leaving Berlin and getting to the American lines by certain members of the SD because he agreed to undertake a mission on behalf of KEDIA. This mission is as follows:

1. YOUNG was to contact the Americans and notify them that:

a. KEDIA desired to contact a high American official on his own mission for certain unknown (to YOUNG) officials of the SS, SD and WEHRMACHT with whom KEDIA had been in touch since 1940.

b. KEDIA can be reached at the following address: c/o Dr. CHAVICHVILI, 10 Avenue Gaspard, Valette, Geneva.

c. The American who contacts KEDIA should use the words, "YOUNG REQUESTS A 1-2 OSC", and bring a letter to KEDIA from Mrs. KEDIA who now resides in Paris. If possible, YOUNG was to accompany the American official, but KEDIA will accept a high American official with the password

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and letter.

III. THE GUSTIA MISSION. KEDIA, as a Georgian, secured a Swiss VISA valid until 20 April to accomplish the following Missions:

1. To contact the International Red Cross on behalf of the Georgians, both civilian and military, in an attempt to provide for their future welfare. This Mission was the cover for KEDIA's trip. He wants to arrange that the Georgian civilians and WEHRLACHT should be treated as PWs and not turned over to the Russians.

2. KEDIA also was to contact the Americans on behalf of certain officials of US, SS and WEHRLACHT. YOUNG was given no definite understanding of the purpose of the desired meeting between KEDIA and the American officials. He believed that the SS feels that the Americans will be interested in the "mutual" problem of penetrating Georgia and Russia. He also believes that certain officials of the three named organizations are attempting to make a personal deal with the Americans. As YOUNG was apparently protected from the GESTAPO by the persons for whom KEDIA is acting, KEDIA may have a more official mission.

IV. SECURITY. KEDIA fears that the GESTAPO has information regarding his true mission to Geneva. However he made no plans for the method of making contact beyond the password and letter definitely stating that he trusted the Americans to take all necessary security measures. KEDIA secured his VISA under the threat that the GESTAPO would shoot VON KENDE and a number of high ranking Georgians in the event that he failed to return to Germany. He expects to return.

V. TIME ELEMENT. KEDIA's VISA is valid for entry into Switzerland to 20 April with permission to remain in Switzerland for ten days. He expects to be able to receive ten or twenty days extension of the period inside the country after entry.

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